(c) Major features of the report are as under:—

(i) The system of Neo-natal intensive care unit was in order;

(ii) There was shortage of beds/staff nurses which needed to be augmented;

(iii) To maintain record regarding attendance of Senior Doctors and to call them during emergency.

(d) To strengthen the system and to avoid recurrence of such incidents, the State Government has decided to take certain measures like creation of additional posts of Nurses, setting up a committee to analyze the operational efficiency of the equipments, signing of AMC, taking steps for streamlining and improvement of oxygen supply line.

Vaccine for AIDS

†453. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to manufacture effective vaccine to encounter dangerous diseases like AIDS;

(b) to what extent, success has been achieved in the field of research in this regard; and

(c) by when a vaccine for AIDS is likely to be manufactured in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 4th December, 2000, with the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) to further promote and accelerate the efforts to develop and indigenous AIDS vaccine that will address the strains of the HIV subtype C predominant in India. The Government of India, ICMR and IAVI agreement is based on a commitment toward collaboration and transparancy in vaccine trials for development of a vaccine.

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The Modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA) based HIV vaccine is in developing stage involving lot of complex and complicated steps and has not reached the state of clinical trial.

Promotion of ISM

†454. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are quite indifferent to boost Indian Systems of Medicine in the country whereas special importance is being given to treatment through Ayurveda System abroad;

(b) if so, the funds provided by Government to each State during the last five years, to encourage Indian Systems of Medicine particularly the Ayurveda System, year-wise;

(c) whether funds allocated by Government to State Governments do not match their demands; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The Government has taken several steps to develop and propagate Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy in the country. It has also taken steps to propagate ISM outside the country.

(b) to (d) The Department has been implementing schemes for promotion and propagation of the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy including Ayurveda under which financial assistance is provided to various Government organisations/institutions and NGOs as per provisions of the respective schemes. State-wise allocation is not being made by this Department.

Prevention of consumption of Pan, Gutkha etc.

†455. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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